

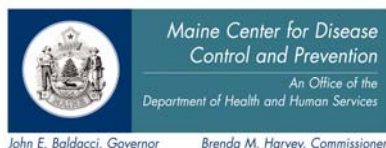
Drinking Water

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The Drinking Water Program exists to protect public health by ensuring the safety of public drinking water.

Current Status:

- ❑ Oversees 2200 Public Water Systems (PWS);
- ❑ 2600 public drinking water sources;
- ❑ 800 Licensed Water Operators;
- ❑ 300 Licensed Well Drillers;
- ❑ 275 Licensed Pump Installers;
- ❑ Since 1997 provided \$65 million in grants and low interest loans to PWS;
- ❑ Produces quarterly newsletter;
- ❑ Maintains extensive website;
- ❑ Staff serve on the Well Drillers Commission, the Drinking Water Commission and the Operator Certification Board;
- ❑ Assesses an annual fee to all PWS in the state;
- ❑ Oversees bottled water facilities and products;
- ❑ Completed 2200 PWS source water assessments;
- ❑ Provides water system security training to systems and program staff
- ❑ Maintains a state-of-the-art database system and participates in national policy making for data sharing and electronic reporting.



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Program Goals:

- ❑ Protecting public health by ensuring the safety of public drinking water and to protect drinking water sources;
- ❑ Educating the public and the water industry;
- ❑ Providing funds for land acquisition to better protect sources;
- ❑ Providing grants and low interest loans to eligible systems for infrastructure improvements through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan fund;
- ❑ Providing quarterly drinking water analyses to the federal Environmental Protection Agency;
- ❑ Assisting systems with security and emergency preparedness;
- ❑ Providing water operator and well driller training and licensing;
- ❑ Providing pump installer licensing;
- ❑ Working cooperatively with other state and federal agencies; water associations and the drinking water industry;
- ❑ Actively participating on boards, workgroups and commissions;
- ❑ Developing reasonable drinking water policies and providing assistance to private well owners.

Priority Populations: All Maine citizens.

Program Activities:

- ❑ Providing primary administration and enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act;
- ❑ Inspecting and regulating community water supplies including water districts, departments, companies, mobile home parks, and apartment complexes;
- ❑ Inspecting and regulating non-community water supplies, eating places, motels, campgrounds, schools, factories, offices, etc.;
- ❑ Implementing an annual fee set by the Maine Public Drinking Water Commission;
- ❑ Inspecting and regulating commercial springs and bottled water facilities;
- ❑ Providing consultation and advice for private home water supply problems;
- ❑ Collecting recheck bacteria samples and issuing Boil Water Orders;
- ❑ Administering the Revolving Loan Fund to water systems in conjunction with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank;
- ❑ Providing technical assistance and emergency response support;
- ❑ Reviewing engineering plans and providing consultation and advice to engineers and water treatment specialists;
- ❑ Licensing operators of water treatment plants and water distribution systems;
- ❑ Licensing well drillers and water well pump installers.

Funding (SFY 07):

- ❑ General Fund: \$136,472 (5% of total budget)
- ❑ Federal Funds: \$2,169,581 (82% of total budget)
- ❑ Federal DWSRF (other than staff): \$12,097,554
- ❑ Dedicated revenue: \$357,480 (13% of total budget)
- ❑ Total - \$14,761,087

Staff Count: 32